Deployment of Commandos on Flights

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Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of recent hijacking of IC-814 plane, Government have decided to deploy NSG commandos in flights;

(b) if so,the air routes on which NSG commandos have been deployed;

(c) whether the security at various Airports have been strengthened and whether Governemnt have discussed with other countries to ensure proper safety to flights of Air India also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Armed Sky Marshals (NSG Commandos) have been deployed on certain identified routes which cannot be disclosed due to security implications.

(c) and (d) The following measures have been taken to strengthen security at airports in the country;

(i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel in place of the State Police for security duties at all operational domestic airports in the first phase. The CISF has already taken over the security duties at Patna, Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara and Port Blair airports.

(ii) Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Ladder point secondary frisking has been introduced.

(iii) Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured by comprehensive review of Photo Identity Cards to restrict the number of pass-holders and banning of entry of the visitors upto 31.3.2000.

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(iv) Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.

(v) Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colour X-Ray machines wherever necessary so as to ensure that atleast 2 X-Ray machines are available at every point.

(vi) Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up of the airports is beign done in a phased manner.

The countries where Indian Airlines/Air India flights are being operated have been suggested to ensure proper safety of these flights.

Construction of Cargo Airports

1232. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cargo Airports Government proposes to construct during the Ninth Plan; and

(b) the name of places which are given priority and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) do not have plans to construct airports exclusively for cargo handling operations during the Ninth Plane period.

CCTV Cameras at Delhi and Mumbai Airports

1233. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a facat that the closed circuit cameras installed at the Mumbai Airport were recently covered with certain substance and the cameras at IGI Airport were also found covered with caps and pull overs in a bid to cover its view;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, made by Government to identify the elements involved; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this matter?